



# The Orderboard

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



*Krickle Creek Railway, G Scale Layout of Verne and Kathleen Clayton*

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## President's Message

The AGM has once more been a success, with over 80 members attending. The 2013-2014 budget was accepted as presented. In the last Orderboard, I brought up the challenges the Board of Directors faced in combining charity and promotion for the Society, because we can't have visibility when donating to charitable organizations. The Board introduced an expense item of \$3500 to promote the hobby and the Society. The usual budget of \$2000 for



### *President's Message Continued...*

Trains for Kids is kept intact, hence donation and promotion are now separated. The promotion amount is not necessarily spent by the Board, but is available to any individual or group with an idea for promoting the hobby, and needing funds to accomplish it. If you have a project in mind, submit it to any Director with as many details as you can, and the Board will review it.

The proposition to remove the President's current term limit of one year, as presented in the last Orderboard issue and at the AGM, has been rejected. The members present were willing to allow the President's term to be extended for one additional year, but with provisions. A committee composed of members from the floor was formed right after the AGM, and will work with the Board of Directors to prepare another proposition to be presented to the members at the Spring Mini Meet. In the meantime, a motion from the floor was approved to allow the Board the option of appointing me as the President of the Society for another year. The Directors have since elected me President for the coming year. Thank you all for the confidence you have in me.

Al Matchett was ratified as the Calgary Model Trainmen Club Director. Monty Schnieder, Roger Walker and Gord Smith, who had reached the end of their three year terms, offered to run for a second term, and were acclaimed at the AGM. Please join me in welcoming Al to the Board of Directors, and in congratulating Monty, Roger and Gord for their continuation.

*Daniel Charest  
President, CMRS*

### **Introducing Al Matchett, CMT representative on the CMRS Board**

Hello, my name is Al Matchett and I have been a member of the Calgary Model Trainmen for the last three years. Before that I was a lone wolf model railroader working on my home layout as time and money permitted. Joining CMT has helped me hone my skills and try different aspects of model railroading without wrecking my own home layout! I have two teenage kids, neither of whom has any interest in trains, much to my chagrin. Similar to most members, I caught the train bug early receiving my first Hornby train set in Sydney, Australia when I was seven. For the last fifteen years or so I have been trying to recreate a small portion of the Burlington Northern Kettle Falls subdivision north of Spokane, WA in HO scale. I look forward to serving on the CMRS Board.

*Al Matchett*

### **Slide Night 2013 - CORRECTED DATE**

Take note that Slide night will be held on Friday November 8th, NOT Nov. 15th as previously reported. The slides will start at 7:30 pm at River Park Community Church (3818 14A Street SW, Calgary). We still have openings for presenters if you have some train related photographs other members might be interested in viewing. Call or email John Lund with your proposed presentation or potpourri contribution.

*John Lund*



## The Movie Experience

After answering an urgent e-mail request from the CMRS looking for persons with Civil War Era steam locomotives in HO scale that could be used for a special effects scene in a feature movie. I initially responded with a photo of the HO 4-4-0 which had tweaked their interests. Then after thinking for a moment, I sent a picture of a G-scale engine shown below and immediately received a telephone call from the set director wishing to meet with me as this would better suit their need.

Erik and Craig from "Set Pro" came to my home and were relieved to find someone to help them put together a display for a visionary scene within the movie being filmed north of Bragg Creek at the CL Ranch western town movie set. After letting them secure my engine seen at right and some other props for the office of the railway tycoon, to include an 1800's typewriter, I then thought of another period engine which would fit their F/X scene even better and arranged with Marvin Burk of the RMGR club to borrow his mogul engine.

Neither Eric nor Craig had any knowledge of trains and were ecstatic to see I was enthusiastic to assist them. In the process I asked if they could use me as an extra in the film as a post civil war amputee.



Shortly afterward they replied saying the director thought that would be a great idea, so I decided to let my beard grow for the part to allow for that option at later point. During the first makeup session they only retained my handle bar-moustache and long sideburns, the hair color being naturally white from aging. I had a great time over the next month and met several wonderful people, making new friends and contacts in the casting department for future opportunities to be called upon if needed once again.



*Barrie Roberts*

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**Report on the Fall Mini-Meet**

The Fall Mini-meet took place on October 20th, and was a great success. The morning clinics were presented by Greg Cave, Brian Key, Peter Bouma and Roger Walker. After the AGM, clinics were given by Dave Bedard and Brian Key. Brian’s afternoon clinic was a hands-on weathering clinic for 15 participants. It began after the AGM, and finally closed down at 4:30 ! The results were spectacular, and I believe Brian could be persuaded to repeat the clinic in a year or so.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the clinicians, and all of the members who contributed to the show-and-tell. The show-and-tell room was a constant buzz of activity, with the discussions focused around the interesting exhibits. I was particularly pleased to see some unfinished items...it is always interesting to see how structures are first put together, and how they might finish up.

There are two important items that arise from the clinics and show-and-tell. **FIRST**, Greg Cave gave an extremely well illustrated talk on details around yards, and his slides stimulated several people to ask if copies of the presentation could be made available. I am delighted to announce that Greg has kindly agreed to this, but the file is 85.5 mb - much too big to email to people. Greg and I will work on how we can disseminate the material, but in the meantime, I need to have some idea of how many members are interested. Please email me ASAP (walkerrg@telus.net) with “Yard Details” in the subject line if you are interested. If we burn CDs, there may be a charge of a few dollars to cover costs.

**SECOND**, Peter Bouma brought along 33 five-inch square pieces of plywood, and issued a challenge – build a diorama on the 5x5 sheet, with nothing overhanging the edges (except the odd tree branch). The finished dioramas must be brought to the show-and-tell at the Spring 2014 mini-meet. There are no other rules! All 33 pieces of plywood were taken, so if you would like one of the squares, email me again ASAP (walkerrg@telus.net) with “Bouma squares” in the subject line. Alternatively, you can cut your own 5” Square of plywood or other material. This is not a contest and there will be no judging, **BUT** names of entrants will go into a hat. The lucky name pulled from the hat will receive a gift certificate from a local hobby shop.

Lots of people helped behind the scenes, making sure there were projectors, laptops, cables etc etc. My thanks to all, on behalf of CMRS. The mini-meets are yours to enjoy, and I always appreciate feedback, ideas and volunteers for clinics, so keep the ideas coming.

*Roger Walker*



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### CMT Annual Fleamarket 2014

It's certainly not too early to start thinking about The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket. Once again, this event will be held together with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

Your TO DO checklist-

- 1) book table
- 2) gather your surplus model railroad supplies for sale
- 3) plan to attend

The facts:

- Date- Sunday March 9, 2014
- Time- 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
- Location- Glenmore Inn
- Tables- \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table

Tables always go quickly, so don't miss out. To book a table, please contact me at [bharrow@nucleus.com](mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com) or call 403-201-4937.

*Brookes Harrow*

### CMT Birthday Party and Open House

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2013**

**10 AM - 4 PM**

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Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:

**The Calgary Model Railway Society**  
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Do you have some Model Railroad related items for sale, or perhaps something rare you want? Consider an ad in the Orderboard. Text ads run twice free of charge for members (provided the ad is relatively small), and a \$15/year charge for business card size commercial ads.

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**Deadline for the next issue is Jan. 25, 2014**



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**Scratch Building Rolling Stock**

After a couple of years of procrastination, I'm taking on the challenge of building one (or two) CPR (Kettle Valley Railway ) passenger cars, as described by Gib Kennedy in the June Model Railroader issue of 1959. Do you want to "join in" and take on one or two?

We are forming an informal " group", that will meet a couple of times during the construction period to exchange the experience and find out best practice, and share how to's.

If you are interested in building one or more cars, contact BJ Errson at:  
[bcersson@xplornet.com](mailto:bcersson@xplornet.com), ph 403 652 7279



## Bylaw Committee

At the AGM the proposed bylaw change to modify the President's term was rejected and a committee was formed to look into how to reword this change to the Bylaws. Anyone interested in participating on this committee should contact one of the committee members, Ian McArthur [sutul@telus.net](mailto:sutul@telus.net) or Mike Borkristl [mike@tricordesigns.com](mailto:mike@tricordesigns.com)

## From the Editor's Desk

I would like to thank Verne Clayton for responding to my call for a cover photo for this edition of the OrderBoard. As I look out the window at the snow coming down, I suspect that most of the garden railways are put away for the year! If you want to see your pictures in print all you have to do is send it in to: [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca). You are likely to see it printed in an upcoming issue. Landscape format is preferred as it has to fit into a narrow space at the top of the page.

On that same vein, I am in need of articles for the OrderBoard. If you want to write up a description of your layout, a modeling project you are working on, or almost anything model railroad related, we are happy to publish it.

The recent snow is a good sign that it is time to head down to the basement and do some modeling. I had a look in the closet and realized that I have enough kits and projects lined up to keep me busy for 10 years! I suspect that most of us are the same. The hardest part is getting started, so snowy days like this are perfect to reach into that closet and pull out a kit and start building. The challenge that Peter Bouma has put forward to build something in 5" square should get you thinking. The N scaler's might have this easy, but even in G scale you can put something in that space, maybe a tree? or a person or two? For HO scale a small building will fit, maybe even a bit of track and a hopper car? Anything goes, I have a couple of possibilities in mind already. I am looking forward to the Spring mini-meet to see what everyone comes up with.

The CMRS budget for this year has set aside money for promotion. This is open to any individual, group or club. If you have an idea for doing something at a community hall, church, boy scout group, the CMRS might help fund your activity. Maybe buy some kits and invite some boy scouts to put them together? Put on a clinic about Model Railroading at your community? Of course we want to promote the society at the same time, so you should have some membership applications to hand out.

Lately, I have been pondering the question of Prototype versus non. There have been great model railroads built both ways. We have all seen pictures of Jack Burgess Yosemite Valley Railway where he takes it to extremes, everything has to be just as it was even down to a specific day and time. At the other end of the spectrum is Trolls Kirk in Sweden with his On30 Coastline Railway that is totally made up. Both are outstanding creations.

I would have to say that the Artist in me leans towards the Trolls Kirk approach. One thing that artists do when creating a painting is to move things around, leave things out or add things if it will improve the painting. When painting, I often move trees around or leave them out, change the colours, bring mountains closer, etc.. I apply the same to my Model Railroad. If it looks better with that building in one



spot versus another then that is what I will do even if it isn't really correct! For me, it is the creation of the scene that is important even if it isn't totally prototypical.

I still do have the urge, every once in a while, to try to build something as exactly as possible including spending time putting brake piping detail on the bottom of a car, but sometimes I just like something that isn't really right for my time period. In the end I think it is consistency that matters more than accuracy. If everything "fits" together with the same look and feel then it turns out great.

Are you an exacting prototype modeler, or do you just run whatever strikes your fancy? I would be interested in hearing from people.

Brent Ciccone  
Editor

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### Coming Events Schedule

<b>Friday, Nov. 8th</b>	<b>Slide Night, River Park Community Church 7:30 PM</b>
November 2-3, 2013	Echo Valley Railway Club Train Show, Science Center, Regina Info: jmccowan@accesscomm.ca
November 9-10, 2013	Trains 2013, Cameron Rec Complex, Burnaby, BC <a href="http://bctrains.sbcrailway.ca/">http://bctrains.sbcrailway.ca/</a>
November 7-10, 2013	Fine Scale Model Railroader Expo 2013, Pittsfield, MA. <a href="http://modelrailroadexpo.com">http://modelrailroadexpo.com</a>
Saturday, Nov 16	CMT open House and Birthday Party, 10 - 4 PM
<b>March 9, 2014</b>	<b>Spring Mini-Meet, Glenmore Inn</b>
<b>April 13-13, 2014</b>	<b>SUPERTRAIN, Subway Soccer Centre <a href="http://www.supertrain.ca/">http://www.supertrain.ca/</a></b>

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